

VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS

Plan Commission Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 ~ 7:30 pm
112 Algonquin Road, Barrington Hills, IL

The Special Meeting of the Village of Barrington Hills Plan Commission was called to order by Chairman Bosworth at 7:39 pm

Members Present

Kim Van Fossan
John Gigerich
Pamela Cools
Curt Crouse
Arnold Cernik
Julie Joyce
Kelly Mazeski
Kenneth Bosworth

Member Absent

Lou Anne Majewski

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PREVIOUS MINUTES;

Chairman Bosworth asked for a motion for approval of the Special Meeting of February 8, 2016, minutes. Commissioner Van Fossan reviewed typographical changes to the draft. Commissioner Cernik motioned to approve the minutes and Commissioner Kelly seconded. All present said aye. Commissioners Cools, Gigerich, and Van Fossan abstained due to their absence. Motion passed.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE REVIEW:

Robert Kosin began the presentation with a description of the documents and introduced Chuck Stewart, Village Forester, who assisted in the preparation of the documents. The documents were a combination of the comments from the February meeting using an underline and deletion format to show the changes between the existing and proposed ordinances. There was also drafted from the discussion a provision regarding a fee in lieu of planting and proposed diversity formula from research obtained from the Morton Arboretum.

The Commission had not yet received a provision for the guarantee of the performance of the Tree Restoration Plan and reiterated their support for such a provision in the form of an escrow account or security deposit to be held for an unspecified time until the plantings were complete and satisfactory with a small retainer to insure that trees that do not survive would be replaced. Examples of such a provision were identified in other municipal tree ordinances and it was the opinion of Mr. Stewart that a value can be established from the restoration proposed by the Plan.

The Commission discussed the length of time required to guarantee performance and how funds should be reimbursed. Education was emphasized as a cornerstone of successful planting. Enforcement provisions were requested to be examined by the Village attorney and Mr. Kosin would renew his request of the research required on this subject by the Village attorney. The Commission undertook a discussion of cultivars and their use in the Heritage Tree Inventory. It was the opinion of Commissioner Joyce that cultivars are not a bad landscape practice. Mr. Stewart and Commissioner

Joyce found no support for restricting the use of cultivars in the species of Heritage Trees. A general discussion followed that the goal of the ordinance was not to restrict the types of plantings permitted in the Village but preserve the existence of Woodlands that consisted of Heritage Trees.

The discussion continued and specific provisions which members present agreed required a response. The Tree Replacement Plan should be phased during the course of construction and the area of the plan should EXCLUDE any concurrent work until the Plan is completed. The contribution 'in lieu of planting' should follow some planting activity and not be the sole vehicle to fulfill the requirements of the Tree Preservation Ordinance. Specific guidelines should be provided for the drafting of standards and not just the term 'good forestry practices'. Chairman Bosworth also stressed need for clear enforcement provisions. It was suggested that a 'Tree Removal Permit' be posted on property as is required of a building permit.

There followed a general discussion of the tree removal professionals in the area and how to provide that profession with the information pertaining to lawful removal of trees in the Village. The Commission concluded with a page by page review of the strike and underlined draft of the Ordinance. The INTENT AND PURPOSE section was proposed to be reviewed by Commissioner Mazeski. Stylistic elements of organization were identified. The measurable unit of replace stock of 3" was called into question as it is difficult and expensive to find. Site inspections were not proposed to be codified as the survivability of the livestock as three years. The exhibits were reviewed with the addition of Exhibit C as an index of professional organizations involved with landscape and forestry and Exhibit D as standards used by those organizations. A revised document will be distributed reflecting the comments made.

TRUSTEES REPORT:

Trustee Maison in attendance addressed the Commission regarding the passage of the Appropriation Ordinance Report 2016 (available on-line) and the Village Board's visit to Springfield during this legislative session.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion was had on the activities observed on the former Duda property which is with the jurisdiction of McHenry County. Commissioner Cernik requested discussion at the next meeting of uses for the Village owned property on the east side of State Route 25.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Cernik motioned to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Commissioner Mazeski seconded. All present said aye. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Kim Van Fossan, Recording Secretary